

Island Life

Waste expert to 'talk trash' at town hall meeting

A presentation and discussion co-hosted by Antilles School will soon give St. Thomas residents the chance to "talk trash" with Allison Fraley, Solid Waste Program Development coordinator for Kauai County in Hawaii.

The public forum will be held on Monday at 6 p.m. in the Prior Jollek Hall at Antilles. All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Fraley, who has helped to establish Kauai's solid waste management system (including backyard composting, effective public education programs, and solid waste diversion), was invited by the Coral Bay Community Council to share her experiences transforming the solid waste programs on her tropical island.

During her visit to the Virgin Islands, July 24 to 28, Fraley also will meet with Waste Management Authority officials and V.I. senators, and will participate in forums on St. Thomas and St. John.

Since coming on board in 2000, Fraley's efforts have helped significantly increase Kauai's waste diversion rate, which is at 43 percent.

Putting in place effective programs has been a key part of Fraley's strategy, including championing the pas-



Allison Fraley

sage and enforcement of legislation banning commercially generated cardboard, metal and green waste at the Kauai County landfill.

"This has had a major impact on commercial waste diversion," according to Fraley. "Meanwhile, backyard composting is our least expensive program and also does a fantastic job of diverting residentially generated food and yard waste from the landfill with no costs for hauling or processing material."

Fraley has been successful in advocating for the hiring of more staff to develop, contract, monitor and educate about waste diversion programs.

"Kauai has a 43 percent diversion rate and shares a number of similar variables (tropical island, topography,

climate, population, high tourism industry, transportation issues) making them ideal to look to, learn from, and perhaps copy here in the Virgin Islands," said Scott Eanes, Environmental Programs associate at the Coral Bay Community Council. "It's wise for us to look to other island systems to see how they are handling their solid waste issues, their successes and pitfalls, and then see if we can emulate it here."

Fraley's interest in recycling and solid waste diversion started in college and turned into a full-fledged career in 1994, where she started working at Ecology Action, a nonprofit in Santa Cruz, Calif.

She worked there for six years before moving to Kauai in 2000, be-

coming the county's first paid staffer focusing on recycling. Fraley has since moved on to her current position within the Solid Waste Division, assisting with oversight of all areas of solid waste management on Kauai.

Fraley's visit is possible through a solid waste management grant awarded to the Coral Bay Community Council from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Her presentations and discussions are being co-hosted by the V.I. Waste Management Authority, the Department of Planning and Natural Resources-Coastal Zone Management, Island Green, E.A.S.T., Virgin Islands Conservation Society, and Plastic Free Island: St. John and Antilles School.

St. Croix hosts archaeologists and the public is invited

More than 100 archaeologists will convene on St. Croix on Monday for the 27th biennial Congress of the International Associations for Caribbean Archaeology (IACA).

More than 100 papers and posters have been submitted for this professional meeting. Some submissions are from St. Croix and the other Virgin Islands, covering the archaeology of the Virgin Islands. Others are from archaeologists in Denmark, England, Holland, the mainland U.S., Canada, and many Caribbean islands.

The St. Croix Archaeological Society, along with the National Park Service on St. Croix, are the co-hosts and co-sponsors of this event, which is being hosted in the Virgin Islands for the first time. Day passes will be available for people to attend presentation of the papers. Presentation sessions of the papers will be throughout the week, Monday to Friday, July 28 at the Divi Conference Center.

The St. Croix Archaeological Society is seeking volunteers. It needs people to work short shifts at the conference. If you enjoy meeting people, helping them register, or talking about St. Croix, your help is needed. Many individuals, and groups have helped financially, along with the Tourism Department, the Transfer Centennial Commission, the Office of the Governor, The State Historic Preservation Office, and the French government.

For more information, contact iaca2017@stcroix2017iaca.org, visit iaca2017stcroix.org or call David Hayes at **340-277-4072**.

Symposium focuses on breast health



Dr. Douglas Belton, back row, fourth from right, and Dr. Ruby Belton, seated left, co-founders of the Physicians and Laypersons Educational Associates of Greater Rochester, N.Y., held a free breast cancer symposium on June 15 at The Ritz-Carlton, St. Thomas. Topics included types of breast imaging, vitamin D deficiency and breast cancer, and ethnicity, risk factors for vitamin D deficiency and cancer. To learn more, visit pleaofgrny.org.

School News

Areannah Agathe named to Loyola dean's list

Areannah Agathe, of St. Croix, a member of the class of 2019, has been named to the spring 2017 dean's list at Loyola University Maryland.

In order to qualify for the dean's list at Loyola, a student must achieve a minimum QPA of at least 3.500 for the term, provided that, in the term they have successfully completed

courses totaling a minimum of 15 credits.

2 from St. Thomas earn B.A. degrees at Ohio Wesleyan

Ohio Wesleyan University in Delaware, Ohio, held its 173rd commencement on May 13.

The OWU Class of 2017 included 383 spring, summer, and fall graduates, with students representing 20

countries from Afghanistan to Venezuela. Locally, Ohio Wesleyan's Class of 2017 included Kelsey Morrison and Bianca Sibilly, both of St. Thomas, who both earned Bachelor of Arts degrees.

As the graduates celebrated their commencement, they also were encouraged to use their liberal arts educations to become global problem-solvers.

Lorenzo Donastorg earns two degrees from UVI

Lorenzo Alberto Donastorg received both his Master of Business Administration, with a grade-point average of 3.97, and his Associate of Arts in Accounting, with a grade point average of 3.54, from the University of the Virgin Islands. Additionally, Donastorg was ranked in the



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top 15 percent of his class.

Donastorg is the son of retired Capt. Al M. Donastorg Sr. and retired teacher Noel M. Donastorg, who said, "God bless you! We love you, champ."